

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

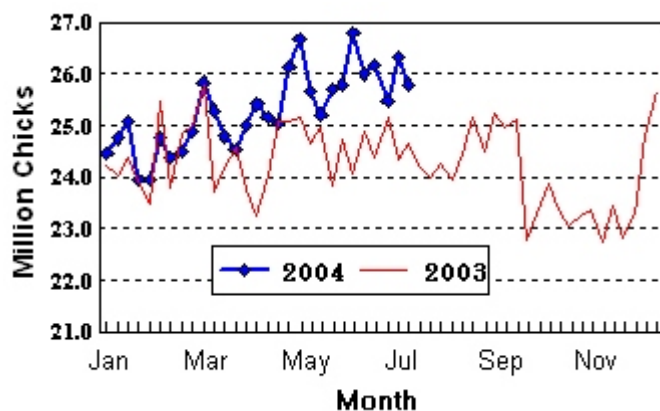
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.8 million during the week ending July 17, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 17, 2004 were 734.1 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.1 million, up 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

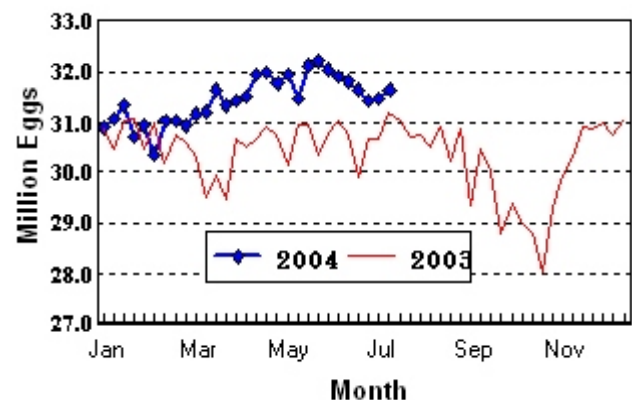
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 17, 2004, up 1 percent from both the same period last year, and from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 12	24,094	26,808	111	25,855	26,514	103	31,052	31,916	103
Jun. 19	24,892	26,008	104	25,268	26,502	105	30,754	31,809	103
Jun. 26	24,413	26,173	107	25,540	26,585	104	29,935	31,647	106
Jul. 3	25,195	25,487	101	25,629	26,419	103	30,676	31,452	103
Jul. 10	24,361	26,353	108	25,097	26,297	105	30,669	31,489	103
Jul. 17	24,697	25,797	104	24,754	26,146	106	31,196	31,653	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	%	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	%
Alabama	30,401 *	30,690	30,526 *	30,853	105	22,248	21,248	20,484	21,440 *	21,972 *	21,113	100
ARKANSAS	31,647 *	31,452	31,489	31,653	101	26,808	26,008	26,173	25,487	26,353 *	25,797	104
Delaware	3,793	3,444	3,561	3,689	92	5,535	4,729	4,908	4,951	4,717 *	5,093	94
Florida	1,369	1,371	1,366	1,370	101	1,500	1,645	1,644	1,606	1,498	1,456	91
Georgia	34,042 *	33,676 *	33,359 *	33,493	102	26,951	26,919	27,443	28,150 *	27,286 *	27,816	110
Kentucky	7,021	7,055 *	7,410 *	6,970	104	6,080	6,268 *	6,198	6,035 *	6,186 *	5,601	107
Louisiana	3,892	3,923	3,892	3,908	99	3,669	3,908	3,514	3,941	3,755	3,490	96
Maryland	8,983	8,892	8,891 *	8,862	94	5,849	6,276	6,078	6,120	6,119 *	5,835	111
Mississippi	19,742	19,845	19,845	19,829	102	17,251	17,538	17,258	17,388	17,116	17,197	107
N. Carolina	18,761 *	17,625	18,124	18,804	109	15,010	15,162	15,442	15,139	15,355 *	14,921	111
Oklahoma	6,344	6,619	6,216	6,766	105	4,630	4,268	5,372	4,600	4,164	5,142	130
Pennsylvania	3,826 *	3,913 *	3,961 *	4,030	99	2,635 *	2,339 *	2,635 *	3,013 *	2,881 *	2,801	110
S. Carolina	3,697	3,785	3,510	3,790	83	4,453	4,439	4,087	4,019	4,158 *	3,729	86
Texas	15,282	15,076	15,380	15,246	103	12,986	13,019	12,790	12,752	12,704	12,770	110
Virginia	6,811	6,832	6,863	6,868	107	5,428	5,386	5,236	5,216	5,701	5,448	102
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,258 *	16,683	16,897 *	17,442	106	17,316	16,222	15,752	16,263	16,315 *	16,121	100
Total 2004	212,869 *	210,881 *	211,290 *	213,573		178,349 *	175,374 *	175,014 *	176,120 *	176,280 *	174,330	
Total 2003	201,877	205,357	204,920	208,336		173,964	172,611	172,446	171,574	169,458	165,525	
%Prev. Year	105	103	103	103		103	102	101	103	104	105	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending July 17, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 17, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 17, 2004 were 4.99 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.